

WEDDING BELLS

MOLLOY-CURTIN.

A pretty wedding took place on January 10, in the Cathedral, Christchurch. The Rev. Father Galerne, S.M., performed the ceremony and celebrated the Nuptial Mass, at which both bride and bridegroom approached the Holy Table. The bride, who was given away by Mr. Frederick Milner, was Miss Margaret Curtin, and the bridegroom was Mr. Patrick James Molloy, of Addington. Miss Dolly Molloy, sister of the bridegroom, acted as bridesmaid, and Mr. Alex. Buick was best man. The bride was attired in a pretty white silk dress, trimmed with white lace, and wore a hat to match, and carried a handsome bouquet. At the conclusion of the ceremony the party drove to New Brighton, to the residence of Mr. William Knight, a brother-in-law of the bride, where the marriage breakfast took place. The wedding presents were numerous, valuable, and useful.

HOYLAND-LEATHWICK.

St. Joseph's Church, Buckle street (writes a Wellington correspondent) was the scene of a pretty wedding on January 1, when Mr. William Hoyland, of Wellington, was united in the bonds of Matrimony to Miss Nora Agnes Leathwick, of Christchurch. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father Venning. The bride, who was given away by Mr. Corby, looked charming in an Eton costume of biscuit-colored tweed, with white hat trimmed with tulle and relieved with heliotrope. She wore a handsome gold watch and chain, the gift of the bridegroom. She was attended by her sister, Miss Jennie Leathwick, as bridesmaid. The bridegroom's gift to the bridesmaid was a gold bamboo bangle. Mr. Harold Satchler was best man. As the happy couple left the church Mr. W. McLaughlin played the "Wedding March." A reception was held in the afternoon at the residence of Mrs. Elliott. Mr. Corby in a happy speech eulogised the many good qualities of the bride and proposed the health of the happy

couple. Speeches were also made by Messrs. Satchler, McLaughlin, and Scammel. The presents were numerous, costly, and useful. After the reception Mr. and Mrs. Hoyland drove to their future home at Miramar, taking with them the best wishes of a large circle of friends.

Madame Blanche Arral

A very large and enthusiastic audience was present in His Majesty's Theatre on Monday evening, when Madame Blanche Arral, the talented operatic soprano, gave her farewell concert. It was very gratifying to find that the Dunedin public had shown their appreciation of a singer who occupies such a prominent place in the musical world. The distinguished vocalist was at her best, and as the programme was a popular one, it is unnecessary to say that the audience was very enthusiastic, sometimes to the point of accoring her an ovation. The items given covered a very wide range, and gave an opportunity to Madame to display the remarkable quality of her voice and her fine dramatic talents. Her many delightful contributions during the evening opened with the Page's song from Meyerbeer's 'Les Huguenots,' and closed with the famous 'Polacca' from 'Mignon.' The concert was a very fine one, and Madame Arral undoubtedly achieved an unqualified triumph. She next appears for short seasons in Wellington and Auckland, and later on in Christchurch.

Mr. C. M. Gray, M.H.R., has been a trip along the route of the main trunk line. He says that the conclusion he has arrived at from what he saw and from what he heard from those with whom he came in contact is that the line cannot be completed before the end of 1908, though, so far as he could judge, the rate of progress which is being maintained is satisfactory. No ballast can be obtained on the Murrutu Plains, and material for this purpose has to be carted from lower down.

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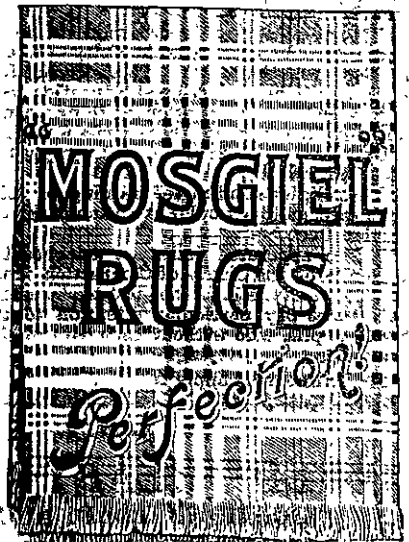
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